

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, and members, I share Senator Hannibal's concerns and try and be ever vigilant about any retirement benefit changes that we have. As you know, I was Chairman of the Retirement Committee for awhile, and I spent a lot of time trying to understand these issues. My sense of the bill at this point is that it probably is not out of line, that, in fact, it probably will bring benefits to a level that would not be inappropriate or inconsistent with other plan levels. And so I have not opposed the bill and, in fact, am planning on supporting it. But I would ask Senator Haberman, if the committee, and I know you have access to actuarial assistance and other help, I think what Senator Hannibal is asking for is some indication of how this fits in with other plans, and is it consistent? Does it follow and conform with the principles we have adopted in retirement, and I think it probably would be wise, Senator Haberman, before we next address the issue to have something that would identify that. I understand from my look at the bill that that is the case, but I think there is some legitimate questions being raised, and something that would indicate more clearly exactly how this fits in terms of other plans in context could be helpful, but at this time from what I understand it, it seems to be a change that is supportable, but that additional information I think would help to answer some questions.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, would you like to close? Okay, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. Move on to LB 565 with the emergency clause attached. LB 965, excuse me, 965.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 965 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 965 pass with the emergency clause attached? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1413 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 45 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.